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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

JOHNSON ET AL.

Examiner

Rasha S AL-Aubaidi

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/19/2003.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Crockett (US PAT # 5,590,188).

Regarding claims 1-2, Crockett teaches a method for controlling call routing by a communication system (see col. 2, lines 34-35), comprising: receiving a call (Crockett teaches receiving calls, see For example, col. 4, lines 59-62 and col. 6, lines 25-27); executing a script in response to receiving said call (this reads on the "Rules") said script having instructions that when executed by the system control routing of said call in the system, the script including at least one call routing instruction that references variable (see col. 2, lines 37-50, col. 3, lines 8-17 and lines 28-33. The claimed "variable" may also read on a table storing 800 numbers or N00 service offering as discussed in col. 15, lines 28-38 and the "ANI" in col.15, line 5); reading said variable from a database (database reads on processor 12), said database holding a value for said variable, said database having said value updated (the variable/numbers will always be updated, see col. 8, lines 24-28) in response to action by a user (this can

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read on the load balancing feature for example, see col.2, lines 61-65); and setting the variable equal to the value, to determine a destination of the call in response to the value (see col. 3, lines 39-45).

Claims, 5-6, 8-9, 12-13, 15-16, 19-20 and 22-23 are rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Regarding claims 3, 10 and 17, Crockett teaches a method of computing a variable expression, in response to execution of said at least one call routing instruction, in determining said destination (this reads on the calculation that is preformed by the system to a route the call to a certain destination, see col.16 lines 12-14).

Regarding claims 4, 7, 11, 14, 18 and 21, Crockett teaches specifying by said at least one of a telephone number, trunk group, and DNIS to which the call is to be routed (this reads on incoming calls to a specific destination such as toll-free "800" numbers, see col. 15, lines 28-39).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rasha S AL-Aubaidi whose telephone number is (703) 605-5145. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad F Matar, can be reached on (703) 305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

Examiner

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